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Of the Right Honourable the
 Lords Spiritual and Temporal
 In Parliament assembled,

PRESENTED TO

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On Friday the Third Day of December, 1756.

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ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, That the Address of this House presented to His Majesty, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto, be forthwith printed, and published.

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Most Gracious Sovereign,



E, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, beg Leave to return Your Majesty our humble Thanks for Your most gracious Speech from the Throne.

The Importance of the present Crisis, and the dangerous Consequences which may result from the unnatural Union of Councils in *Europe*, are so sensibly felt by this House, that we should think ourselves wanting in Duty to Your Majesty, and our Country, if we did not beg Leave to offer, at Your Royal Feet, our strongest Assurances, that we will, to the utmost of our Power, promote and effectuate such Measures, as shall be found expedient for vindicating the Honour of Your Crown, and asserting the just Rights of Your Majesty, and Your Subjects.

Permit us to return Your Majesty our most humble and grateful Thanks for Your Majesty's gracious Condescension to the Request of Your Parliament, in causing a Body of Your Electoral Troops to come into this Country, at a Conjunction so critical to its Preservation and Defence.

With the deepest Sense of our Obligations to Your Majesty, we beg Leave to approach Your Throne, there to offer the Tribute of our warmest Gratitude, for that paternal Care and Solitude, which Your Majesty has expressed for the Succour and Preservation of *America*; nor are we less sensibly affected with Your Majesty's gracious Attention to the Safety and Honour of this Kingdom, by recommending to our Care the forming such a Plan of Defence at Home, as may enable Your Majesty to exert the Power of *Great Britain* with Vigour and Success Abroad.

The many Blessings we enjoy under Your Majesty's mild and gracious Government, call for the warmest and sincerest Acknowledgements of our Hearts; and demand on our Part, the most firm and loyal Assurances to Your Majesty, that, not discouraged by any unprosperous Events of War, we will, with the greater Ardour and Alacrity, employ our most zealous Efforts to extricate Your Majesty from all Difficulties, with Honour and Dignity to Your Majesty's Crown, and Prosperity to Your People.

We beg Leave to return Your Majesty the Thanks of this House, for the tender and compassionate Regard Your Majesty has shewn to the Sufferings of the poorer Sort, from the high Price of Corn; and to assure Your Majesty, that we will take that Matter into our immediate Consideration, in order to provide such speedy and adequate Relief, as the Nature and Importance of the Case require.

His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

My LORDS,

I Return you My hearty Thanks for this very dutiful and affectionate Address. The warm Expressions, with which you repeat the Assurances of your Determination to exert yourselves in the Defence of the Rights and Possessions of My Crown, give Me the greatest Satisfaction; and you may be assured, the only Use I shall make of the Confidence you repose in Me, will be to pursue such Measures, as the present critical Conjunction renders necessary for the Welfare and Prosperity of My Kingdoms.

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